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FOOTNOTES TO LTDP

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THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO SYG LUNS,
DATED MAY 17, FROM ACTING ITALIAN PERMREP FERRARI:

BEGIN TEXT:

- AFTER FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE ITALIAN POSITION
ON THE LTDP AIMING AT REDUCING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE
NUMBER AND NATURE OF THE RESERVATIONS PUT FORWARD, IN
ORDER MAINLY TO MAKE THE DOCUMENT WHICH IS GOING TO BE
SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S HEADS OF STATE'S APPROVAL
MORE CONGRUOUS AND HOMOGENEOUS, MY AUTHORITIES HAVE
APPROVED SOME CHANGES THAT I AM GLAD TO ANTICIPATE IN
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WRITING, IN ORDER TO AVOID DETAILED AND USELESS DIS-
CUSSIONS IN THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

- IN PARTICULAR, SUCH CHANGES CONSIST OF A SERIES OF
RESERVATIONS LISTED IN ANNEX 1, THAT ITALY IS WILLING
TO FULFILL BY ELIMINATING THE RELEVANT FOOTNOTES. THEY
ALSO CONSIST OF OTHER RESERVATIONS, LISTED IN ANNEX 2

WHICH COULD BE REMOVED IN CASE THE RELEVANT CHANGES
SUGGESTED CAN BE MADE IN THE TEXT.

- AS FOR THE REMAINING RESERVATIONS, I REGRET HAVING
TO CONFIRM THEIR NEED, DUE TO OUR IMPOSSIBILITY TO
ENDORSE THE PROGRAMS TO WHICH THEY REFER.

- I AM SENDING COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES.

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ANNEX 1

FOOTNOTES THAT ITALY ACCEPTS TO REMOVE:

- 1 - GENERAL PART, PAG. 8 NOTE (2)

- ANNEX C, PAG. 3, NOTE (1)

- 2 - GENERAL PART, PAG. 10, NOTE (1) AND (2)

- ANNEX F, PAG. 2, NOTE (1) AND (2)

- ANNEX F, PAG. 4, NOTE (2) AND (3)

- 3 - ANNEX D, PAG. 3, NOTE (3)

- 4 - ANNEX E, PAG. 4, NOTE (3) AND (5)

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- 5 - ANNEX H, PAG. 5, NOTE (1)

- 6 - ANNEX J, PAG. 4, NOTE (4)

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ANNEX 2

FOOTNOTES THAT ITALY IS WILLING TO REMOVE IF THE
FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE TEXT TO WHICH THEY REFER
ARE MADE:

1. GENERAL PART, PAG. 8, NOTE (1), IF THE SENTENCE
"BY MOST COUNTRIES" IS INSERTED AFTER "APPROVED",
FIRST LINE, PARA. 21.

2. GENERAL PART, PAG. 11, NOTE (1), IF THE WORD
"ELEVEN" IS REPLACED BY "A NUMBER OF", PARA. 33,
SECOND LINE.

3. GENERAL PART, PAG. 14, NOTE (1), IF IN THE TEXT
OF ANNEXES D, E, F, G, REFERENCE TO A NATO COMMANDER
AS RESPONSIBLE OF COORDINATING THE PROGRAM IS NOT

ACCEPTED.

4. GENERAL PART, PAG. 6, NOTE (1) AND ANNEX A, PAG. 6,
NOTE (1) IF THE TEXT OF PARA. 14 (G) OF ANNEX A IS
CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: "AGREE TO INVITE HEADS OF STATES
AND GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER REVIEWING LEGAL AND CON-
STITUTIONAL IMPEDIMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING,
WHENEVER FEASIBLE, THAT COMMITTED FORCES....."

5. ANNEX B, PAG. 2, NOTE (1), IF IN PARA. 5 (A),

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LAST LINE, "AT THE APPROPRIATE ALERT STAGE" CAN BE
ADDED AFTER "WHEN REQUIRED".

SHOULD SUCH PROPOSAL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO POINT OUT A FURTHER RESER-
VATION IN THE GENERAL PART, PAG. 7, PARA. 17, SECOND
LINE, WITH REFERENCE TO SENTENCE "PRIOR TO HOSTILITIES",
THAT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

6. ANNEX D, PAG. 4, NOTE (2) IF IN PARA. 12 (C) (II)
LAST LINE, THE WORD "MID-TERM" IS REPLACED BY "MID-
LONG-TERM".

END TEXT. BENNETT

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